



FILTER OF HOPE

health for today, hope for tomorrow

ANNUAL
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2023



Dear friends, prayer partners and supporters,

On behalf of the US and International Filter of Hope staff and our partners around the globe, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you. Without your prayers and support, we would not be able to accomplish the mission God called us to.

Since our inception 11 years ago, we've been guided by two core principles: "NO ONE should live without clean drinking water, and EVERYONE should have the opportunity to know Christ personally." The World Health Organization reports over 2 billion people lack clean water; the Pew Research Center notes over 5 billion lack a relationship with God. These statistics drive our commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission and Great Commandment.

During 2023, 2,590 individuals from the US participated in our short-term missions trips to Latin America. These teams provide support and encouragement to our local

church partners as we come alongside them to distribute water filters, share the gospel inside homes, and connect each family with the local church. We are committed to following the Chalmers Center/*When Helping Hurts* principles in all of our ministry programs.

In 2023, we saw tremendous growth and impact in our ministry to Unreached People Groups in the 10/40 Window. Our UPG Ministry is focused on reaching the 3.2 billion people who live in the 10/40 Window, most of whom have never heard about Jesus. Please read pages 6 and 7 to view the incredible work God is doing through Filter of Hope in the thirteen Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist countries we are currently serving in.

We praise God that during this past year, our teams and partners have reported that they shared the "Living Water"—the gospel message—with over 80,000 people in their homes and over 11,000 individuals prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior. We rejoice and praise the Lord for the many thousands of lives that were totally transformed and now have a home in heaven!

We are so thankful for the great partnerships we have with local churches around the world. Working closely with national evangelical churches is central to ministry sustainability and long term impact. We are very thankful for the follow-up, discipleship, and ongoing Godly teaching they provide.

On the following pages, you will find important impact data and statistics illustrating the eternal Kingdom impact that your support has enabled.

Once again, I praise God for each of you and for His blessings and protection over FOH each day as we strive to provide safe drinking water and the Living Water of Jesus to families around the world in desperate need of both. All Glory goes to our Heavenly Father!

God bless you!

Bart Smelley



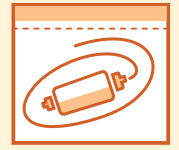
In 2012, Bart installed the first prototype hollow fiber membrane filter in the mountains of Haiti. These filters are now supplying clean water to more than 1.3 million people.

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO LIVE WITHOUT CLEAN DRINKING WATER.

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW CHRIST PERSONALLY.



Carrying filters in backpacks, mission teams from across the U.S. are providing clean water and sharing the gospel throughout Latin America. Local church partners participate in the home visits and provide follow-up and ongoing discipleship.



Filter of Hope added seven new bases by the end of 2023, bringing our total to 19 locations. This allows us to expand our outreach to more areas and accommodate more mission teams in 2024.

LATIN AMERICAN FILTER OF HOPE BASES



These water filters are God's best tool for empowering the church to reach our communities! We can meet the #1 physical need of these families (clean drinking water) and the #1 spiritual need of everyone (a personal relationship with Jesus). Let's make the most of the hope this filter brings!



—Pastor Cerbin Vargas, Panama

Tears of joy are often shed as families drink clean water for the very first time that is produced in their own home. The same happens when individuals put their trust in Christ. Homes are being transformed physically and spiritually. There's nothing quite like it.

Mission trip participation has nearly doubled in the last two years. Most mission teams are returning in future years and new teams are continually signing up. More ministry bases will be opened in 2024.



LATIN AMERICAN
2023 OUTREACH



137
FOH trips with teams



2,590
participants on trips



31,583
people heard the Gospel message



4,887
people received Christ



15,965
filters were distributed to families



111,755
adults and children now have clean water



GUATEMALA

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

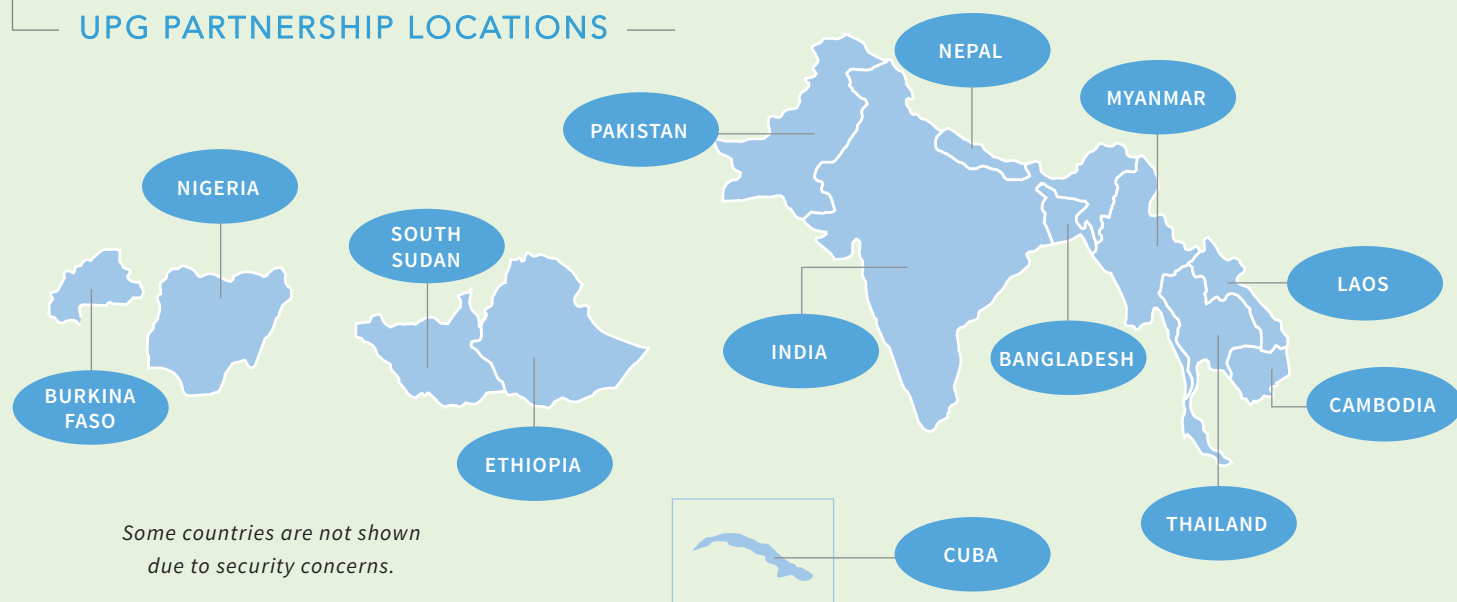
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UPG MINISTRY LOCATIONS

Of the 5.33 billion people living in the 10/40 window of northern Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, 69% (3.28 billion) live in Unreached People Groups (UPGs).

Three years ago, Filter of Hope began the UPG ministry. In the past, filters have been used in UPG areas, but in 2021 Filter of Hope made the decision to strategically partner with national ministries and church planters to use the filters to evangelize and plant churches in dangerous and hard to reach areas. God has blessed this work. The growth and impact has far exceeded our expectations.

UPG PARTNERSHIP LOCATIONS



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UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

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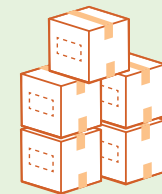
IMPACT TO DATE

Those who need safe drinking water the most are often people with little or no access to the gospel message. When Filter of Hope began our UPG Ministry to “Unreached” regions, strong ministry partnerships began to form quickly. While we knew the response to the water filters would be positive, we have been truly amazed at the response to the gospel as our

national partners shared the Good News to Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu families. All Glory To God! Our greatest challenge now is simply to provide more filters to the partners we have and those who are waiting to share clean water and the gospel to people who have never heard.



UPG IMPACT TO DATE



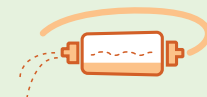
58,838
filters distributed



112,962
people who heard the gospel



13,873
people who have received Christ



529,542
beneficiaries (people with clean water)



THAILAND

FILTER OF HOPE IMPACT TO DATE



191,147

filters provided to families



1,349,420

Beneficiaries of safe clean drinking water



9,743

participants on short term trips



81

countries served by filters



28,672

people who have received Christ

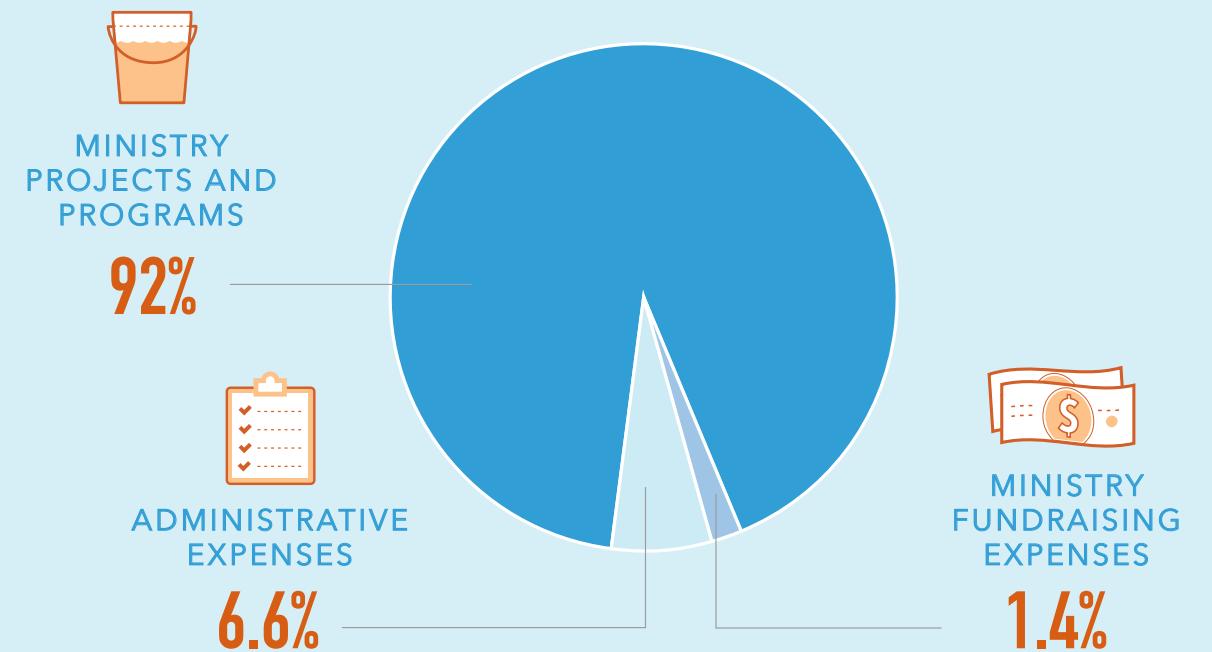


Filter of Hope is proud to share that **92% of funds received are used toward ministry projects and programs.**

2023 MINISTRY REVENUE

\$7,505,443

2023 EXPENDITURES



We are thankful to receive the highest scores from the nonprofit accreditation and rating services. Two of the most highly regarded, Charity Navigator and Ministry Watch, awarded Filter of Hope with a perfect score of 100.



LIVES TRANSFORMED

STORIES OF CLEAN WATER AND ETERNAL LIFE

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“The husbands said they didn’t have time to get the water because they work 10 to 12 hours a day. They were tired of always hearing about water, water, water.”

—Sharish, the wife of the Pakistan director, from a home where the husbands were beating their wives because they wouldn’t use the contaminated tap water. Eight family members received Christ.

“What could be better than this?!” —Sarah’s surprised response after Gerald told her that his mission team to Costa Rica had another gift for her that was even better than the water filter. Sarah received Christ with the team.



“If the people we treated had these water filters, 80% of the cases we saw would have been prevented.” —medical mission team member in Guatemala after watching a Filter of Hope team demonstrate the water filter



“When we arrived, the woman told us that she was afraid that she would forget God and that God would might forget her. She told us that she had been having dreams of a man dressed in white and we said it might be Jesus coming to find her. After hearing the gospel she said she wanted to receive Jesus.” —mission trip participant in Colombia



“Thank God—today, 40 people believed and accepted Jesus as their Savior through our clean water filter project. Praise be to the Lord. What’s even more amazing is that these people accepted Jesus at a Buddhist temple in Phayao Province in northern Thailand.” —Pai Wong, Cru GCM and FOH director, Thailand

“The ‘250 Church’ in Havana bought two lots in a rough neighborhood and hauled in a large metal shipping container for their church meetings. The church took our Filter of Hope teams to many nearby houses. People came to faith, including one young woman who came the next day to help guide teams to her neighbor’s homes.” —Chuck Roeper, Filter of Hope staff member



JESUS ANSWERED, ‘EVERYONE WHO DRINKS THIS WATER WILL BE THIRSTY AGAIN, BUT WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST. INDEED, THE WATER I GIVE HIM WILL BECOME IN HIM A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 4:13

